



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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July 21, 2005

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: *Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 243X), Norfolk Southern Railway
Company – Abandonment – Winston-Salem, North Carolina –
Notice of Exemption
Notice of Intent to Participate (With Comment Later)*

Dear Mr. Williams:

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) hereby gives notice of its intent to participate as a party in the above-captioned proceeding. It requests to receive notice of all decisions, filings, and pleadings related to this action so it may participate and comment accordingly. Please include NCDOT on the service list as a party of record at the following address:

North Carolina Department of Transportation
Rail Division
1553 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1553
Attention: Patrick B. Simmons
Director of Rail Division

Sincerely,

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Patrick B. Simmons
Director

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RAIL DIVISION
1553 MAIL SERVICE CENTER
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TELEPHONE: 919-733-7245
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LOCATION:
TRANSPORTATION BUILDING
1 SOUTH WILMINGTON STREET
RALEIGH NC

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 21st day of July 2005, I have caused to be served via overnight express service, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Request to the following parties of record:

James R. Paschall
Senior General Attorney
Norfolk Southern Corporation
Three Commercial Place
Norfolk, Virginia 23510

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Patrick B. Simmons, Director
NCDOT Rail Division